

No. 1906	號六零百九千四第	日二十月六閏年酉癸治同	HONGKONG, MONDAY, 4TH AUGUST, 1873.	一拜禮	號四月八茲	港香	[PRICE \$24 PER MONTH]
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1. The first step is to identify the problem or issue that needs to be addressed. This involves gathering information and understanding the context of the problem.

**Intimations.**

**NOTICE.**

THE undersigned Banks will **CLOSE** for public business **THIS DAY**, the 4th inst., being a Bank Holiday in the United Kingdom.

Hongkong, 1st August, 1873.

the **ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION,**  
J. McDONALL,  
*Manager, Hongkong.*

the **CHARTERED MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LONDON AND CHINA,**  
J. JACKSON,  
*Manager, Hongkong.*

the **CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.**  
W. KAYE,  
*Manager, Hongkong.*

the **COMPLOI D'ESCOMPTE DE PARIS, HONGKONG AGENCY.**  
A. PHILIPPE,  
*Acting Manager.*

the **HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.**  
JAMES GREIG,  
*Chief Manager.*

the **NATIONAL BANK OF INDIA LIMITED,**  
JAS. CAMPBELL,  
*Acting Manager.*

**FOR MANILA.**

THE Spanish Brig

**"VILLO DE RIUADAVIA."**

Attilio, Master, will leave for the above port for about the 11th inst.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
—BEARDON & Co.  
1245 Hongkong, 4th August, 1873.

JAVA. B. DAVIES.

1246 Hongkong, 28 August, 1873.

NOTICE.

FROM and after this date, the rate of  
FREDGIST on SILK in Bales per M. M.  
Cameras, will be (\$5 Five Dollars per cwt, for  
or Marseilles, London, and Brindisi,  
for Lyons, the rate of freight will be the  
e, subject to charges from Marseilles to  
as, follows:—  
Per Grande Vitesse, \$2.15 per cwt. extra.  
" Petite Vitesse, " 3.00 " " "

C. B. RAND,  
Principal Agent, M. M. Co.  
1247 Hongkong, 2nd August, 1873.

NOW READY.

ENGSHU, or THE RUDIMENTS OF NA-  
TURAL SCIENCE FOR CHINESE. By Dr. M.  
TAYLOR. One Volume. 8vo. Price, \$1.50.

UDDHISIT; ITS HISTORY, THEORY, AND

J. EITEL. Second Edition. 6  
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orders will be received by Messrs LAM, LAM & Co.,  
121 1/2 Hongkong, 2nd August, 1878.  
HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY,  
(LIMITED).  
**NOTICE.**  
SHAREHOLDERS of the HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED, are requested to the Undermged for Warrants for DIVIDENDS due to them, on and after TUESDAY, the 2nd August.  
By order,  
ED. BAKER,  
Secretary.  
3d 1828 Hongkong, 29th July, 1878.  
STAVIA SEA AND FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.  
THE Undermged having been appointed Agents in Hongkong for the above-named Company, are prepared to take Policies against Risks at current rates.  
RUSSELL & Co.  
1092 Hongkong, 1st April, 1865.

AG, LONDON, PENANG, AND  
SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named  
Steamer are hereby informed that the  
Goods will not, as previously advertised, be dis-  
charged to the Godowns of the Hongkong  
and Godown Company; they are therefore  
desired to take delivery from on board into  
their own boats.  
Cargo impeding the discharge will be landed  
stored at Consignees' risk and expense.  
Optional Cargo will be forwarded, unless no-  
tice to the contrary is given within 24 hours  
of the Steamer's arrival.  
Bills of Lading will be furnished by  
Wm. POSTAU & Co.,  
Agents,  
1527 Hongkong, 1st August, 1873.  
S. S. **TIGER**.  
COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES  
MARITIMES.  
**NOTICE.**  
CONSIGNEES of Cargo per S. S. *Copernic*,

are being landed and stored at the Company's Godown, where

may be obtained from SATURDAY  
MORNING, at 10 A.M.  
ADDITIONAL CARGO will be forwarded to its  
destination, upon intimation is received from  
the Consignee before 5 P.M. THIS AFTER-  
NOON, requesting it to be landed on the  
same day. CARGO remaining unlabeled after WEDNES-  
DAY, at noon, will be subject to rent and  
demurrage charges.  
The bills of Lading will be countersigned by the  
Agent.

C. BERTLAND,  
*Principal Agent.*

33, Queen's Road, 30th July, 1878.

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BRITISH SHIP CHINAMAN, FROM  
LONDON.

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DESIGNATIONS of Cargo by the above named  
Vessel are hereby requested to be sent in  
Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for  
transmission, and to take immediate deliv-  
ery of their Goods.  
Impeding the discharge of the Vessel

## RAYNAL &amp; C

*Agents,*

1863 Hongkong, 13th July, 1873.

POMPAIGNE DES MESSAGERIES-  
MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following cargo are  
informed that the Agents of Loading  
are undersigned for counter-signature, and  
immediate delivery; this Cargo has been  
advised and stored at their risk and expense.  
The fire insurance will be effected by

C. BERTRAND,  
*Principal Agent.*

*Ex S. S. "Ara," 20th April, 1872.*  
C or C/PTE ... 12 cases Merchandise.  
*Ex "Pagan," 18th May, 1873.*  
mark ... .. 1 case.  
*Ex "Hoogly," 13th March, 1873.*  
... .. 1 basket Iron Chain.  
*Ex "Provence," 21st July, 1873.*  
411(21) ... .. 10 cases Merchandise.  
412(39) ... .. 1 diamond, 1635     1 case "  
              "     1/12     12 cases "  
              "     3     3 Packages Corks.  
              "     2     2 cases Fruit.

Hongkong, 29th July 1873







F. W. MITCHELL,  
Postmaster General.  
General Post Office,  
Hongkong, 16th January, 1871.



## Extracts.

**THE OLD BOOKKEEPER.**  
BY GEORGE COOPER.

It was an ancient bookkeeper,  
And he was tall and thin,  
Through his face a pale and rarely smiled—  
His clothes were dark and grim,  
And everything about his desk  
He kept exceeding trim.

He always hung his hat and coat  
Upon the same hooks,  
And laid his ruler, pen, and ink,  
In their respective nooks,  
And the only extra he had  
Was looking up his books.

Each day, upon the self-same hour,  
He took his lofty seat,  
And bent his body and his mind  
His labors to complete;  
And but was neither on his fame  
Nor on his ledger sheet.

The music of his pen was heard  
From morn till eve;  
Up columns with his eyes were cast,  
Then down again with pride;  
Quite pleased was he, though he saw his work  
Increased and multiplied.

The cash that over his finger came  
Each day was something grand;  
And yet no scheme to bear it off  
Ere him was ever planned;  
Although you saw with half an eye  
That he wrote a "sloping" hand.

He had no wife, he made no friends,  
His joys and cares were few;  
And his dearest hope from day to day  
Was to keep his balance true;  
A good world this if every man  
The latter thing would do.

He never sighed when little ills  
His way of life would cross,  
And so the errors of his youth  
He showed no vain remorse;  
But set down all that came along  
To profit or to loss.

One day the creditor of all  
Dropped in for his amount;  
He found the old man at his post,  
Through low the natural light,  
The books were closed, and he was borne  
Up to his last account.

**A FEMALE WARRIOR.**  
One of the private soldiers of the Scots  
Greys, wounded at the battle of Hamble,  
proved to be a woman. Her name was Mrs.  
Christian Davies, and her life and adventures  
were afterwards published in a small octavo  
volume. She states she was a native of  
Ireland, and that her husband, having en-  
tered the army, she put on men's clothes and  
went in quest of him; not meeting with him,  
she enlisted in a Regiment of foot, and in  
1792 in the Scots Greys, served in the cam-  
paign of that and the following year, and in  
1794 was wounded in the leg at Schleiberg.  
After the battle of Blenheim, when escorting  
French prisoners towards Holland, she met  
with her husband, who was then a private  
soldier in the First Buffs. From that time  
he knew her to him, and from that time  
passed as his brother, until after the battle  
of Hamble, where she was wounded by a  
shot, and her sex discovered by the surgeons.  
"No sooner had they made this discovery,"  
she observes in her narrative, "but they ac-  
quainted Brigadier Preston that his pretty  
daughter (for so I was always called) was a  
woman. The news spread fast and near, and  
reaching my Lord Hamble's ears, he came to see  
me, as did my former comrades; and my  
lord called for my husband. He gave him a  
full and satisfactory account of our first ac-  
quaintance, marriage, and situation, with  
the manner of his having entered the service,  
and my resolution to go in search of him.  
My lord seemed very well entertained with  
my history, and ordered that my pay should  
be continued, while under care. When his  
lordship heard that I was well enough to  
cover to go abroad, he generously sent me  
a parcel of linen. Brigadier Preston made  
me a present of a handsome silk gown; every  
one of our officers contributed to the furnishing  
me with what was requisite for the dress  
of my sex, and dismissed me the service with  
a handsome compliment."—From "Famous  
British Regiments," is All the Year Round.

**MOZART'S REQUIEM.**  
One day, as Mozart was seated in his  
study, in a profound reverie, he heard a car-  
riage stop at his door, and a man, who was  
wounded, asked to speak with him. He  
was an aged man, very well dressed, of noble  
and imposing manners. He said to the com-  
poser:

"I am commissioned by a great man to  
come and find you."  
The name of the man, if you please?"  
said Mozart.

"He does not wish to be known."  
"Very well, what is his wish?"  
"He has lost a very dear friend, whose  
memory will be forever precious to him. He  
wishes to commemorate her death, every year,  
by a solemn service, and he wants you to  
compose a requiem for the occasion."

"Mozart was deeply impressed by these  
words spoken so solemnly, and by the air of  
mystery that seemed to pervade the inter-  
view. He promised to compose the requiem.  
The stranger continued:

"Put to this work your entire genius, for  
you compose it for a connoisseur in music."  
"So much the better," said Mozart.

"How much time do you want for the task?"  
"Four weeks."  
"Well, I will come for it in four weeks."  
"One hundred guineas?"

The stranger counted out the money upon  
the table and disappeared. Mozart remained  
plunged in deep thought for a few mo-  
ments, then called for pen, ink, and paper, and  
began to write the requiem. Notwithstanding  
the remembrance of his wife, he wrought  
upon it night and day. But his body, al-  
ready feeble, could not endure this continual  
strain, and he finally fell fainting at his desk.  
Then he was obliged to rest. Several days  
after, his wife sought to divert his mind  
from his sadness by some playful remark.  
He replied earnestly:

"One thing is certain; I am composing  
my own requiem; it will serve to perpetuate  
my own memory."

In proportion as he wrought, his strength  
diminished, from day to day, and the requiem  
advanced very slowly. The four weeks were  
finally gone, and the stranger returned.

"It has been impossible for me to keep  
my word," said Mozart, sadly.

"Never mind," said the man, "how much  
time do you require?"

"I want four weeks more. The work has  
inspired me with deeper interest than I sup-  
posed, and I have given to it more study  
than I intended."

"In that case it is right that I increase  
the price. Here are fifty guineas more for  
your pay."

In astonishment Mozart asked: "Who  
are you?"

"That is nothing to the purpose. I will  
return in four weeks."

As the stranger left the house, Mozart  
called a servant and requested him to follow  
him, but the hindering man soon returned,  
saying that he could find no trace of him.  
Poor Mozart had conceived the idea that this  
stranger was no ordinary mortal, but was  
one of his friends in the immortal world, sent  
to warn him of his approaching death. He  
applied himself with redoubled ardour to his  
requiem, which he regarded as the most en-  
dearing monument to his genius. He  
finished it many times at his toll. Finally, it  
was accomplished before the expiration of  
the four weeks.

The stranger came for it at the given time,  
but Mozart was dead.—From the French.

## CELEBRITY UNFITNESS FOR POPULAR GOVERNMENT.

I cannot help fancying that the character-  
istics of the Celtic races (for instance) are  
very ill adapted to the present, with the pos-  
sibility of representative institutions and  
even a perfectly free press. The hot temper,  
the quick sensibility, and the poetical imagina-  
tion, which can be roused to enthusiasm or  
lashed into fury by an eloquent speech or a  
sensational newspaper article, until reason is  
lost sight of and prudence is thrown to the  
winds, appear to me quite antagonistic to  
those principles by which alone popular in-  
stitutions have been found to succeed.  
France and Ireland may be educated up to  
such institutions in time, but Frenchmen and  
Irishmen seem to me hardly fit to be trusted  
with such dangerous weapons at present.

From "An Autumn Tour in the United States  
and Canada," by J. G. Medley.

**A LEUTENANT IN DIFFICULTIES.**  
Let some of those first lieutenants who can  
appreciate the position of having expended  
the last pound of paint in completing the  
ship for an anticipated inspection, picture to  
themselves the position of a first lieutenant  
who for six weeks had the mortification of  
seeing the ship turned into a depot for no-  
groves, who had no special regard for any-  
thing on board; and in addition to all this,  
finding himself thinking, acting, and settling  
every complaint and little grievance for them;  
for they soon discovered, somehow, that he  
was to be looked to for everything, and in  
their simple naïveté of life, he possessed a  
spontaneous power, so that they had only  
to speak to him to get all they wanted in life,  
and regarded him as a sort of sultan, prime  
minister, foreign secretary, and judge com-  
bined. On one occasion I came out and  
found him surrounded by niggers from every  
tribe, talking away in their respective jargons  
to him, some wanting to have their disputes  
settled, rattling away as if they fully ex-  
pected that they were under trial, others asking  
questions apparently about food, and some re-  
counting with an air of the greatest mystery  
and importance something that had taken  
place between their tribe and another.

"Hugau Yastikili, Kutiva, Catika, fumba,"  
or some such words, were replied to with  
"Oh, yes, of course, I perfectly agree with  
you."—From "Dhow Chasing in Zanzibar  
Waters," by Captain G. L. Sullivan, R.N.

**THE TRUE BRITISH SOLDIER.**  
There is something in the British warrior  
that is not found to the same degree in other  
soldiers. He is not so easily daunted, he is  
not so easily won over, he is not so easily  
lured in himself as an individual, and in his  
commanders. He is not so easily over-  
ruled, and his notion that he is as brave as any  
man of any nation is so strong that he will  
never give in whilst a hope of victory remains.  
He is a splendid soldier; no man can pass  
him. Orders to him are orders indeed—  
meant to be obeyed. He is not easily alarmed.  
He is not so easily won over, he is not so easily  
lured in himself as an individual, and in his  
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ruled, and his notion that he is as brave as any  
man of any nation is so strong that he will  
never give in whilst a hope of victory remains.

On and after this date, a discount of 20  
per cent. on the above rates will be allowed to  
insurers.

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